Antodaya cards for ST habitations

2042. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Common Minimum Programme on its section on food and nutrition security has stated Antodaya cards for all households at risk of hunger to be introduced;

(b) what is Government assessment of number of all households at risk of hunger;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to introduce Antodaya cards in 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 in the Central Government allocations; and

(d) In view of acute malnutrition among ST population, whether Government are considering issuing Antodaya cards in all ST habitations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In order to make TPDS more focused and targeted towards the poorest of the poor families in the country, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was launched in December, 2000 to cover one crore such families amongst the BPL families. Subsequently, this scheme has been expanded during 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, to add 50 lakh AAY households each time. Thus, the target of the Government is to cover 2.50 crore families under this scheme. Against the target, various State/UT Governments have so far identified about 2.40 crore families (more than 12 crore persons) and issued distinctive ration cards to them. Detail showing State-wise status of identification of households under AAY during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto 17th August, 2007) is given in Statement (*See* below). Central Government is allocating foodgrains for these 2.4 crore AAY families at the scale of 35 kg. per family per month under TPDS. Rice and wheat are being distributed to them at Rs. 3/- per kg. and Rs. 2/- per kg. since December, 2000.

As per the guidelines issued by the Central Government to the State/UT Governments for identification of AAY families, the following categories of people are covered under the scheme:

(i) Landless agriculture labourers, marginal farmers, rural artisans/ craftmen such as potters/tanners, weavers, blacksmiths, carpenters, slum dwellers, and persons earning their livelihood on daily basis in the informal sector like porters, collies, rickshaw pullers, hand cart pullers, fruit and flower sellers, snake charmers, rag pickers cobblers, destitute and other similar categories in both rural and urban areas, provided they are the poorest among BPL families.

(ii) Households headed by widows or terminally ill persons/disabled persons/persons aged 60 years or more with no assured means of subsistenee or societal support.

(iii) Widows or terminally ill persons or disabled persons or persons aged 60 years or more single women or single men with no families or societal support or assured means of subsistence.

(iv) All primitive tribal households.

Since the poorest among the BPL families are to be covered under this scheme, their identification by the State and UT Governments is expected to cover such families in ST habitations as well.

Statement

Status of identification of Households under AAY during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto 17th August, 2007).

(Fig. in lakh)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	12.336	15.578	15.578	15.578
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.301	0.380	0.380	0.380
3	Assam	2.815	5.575	7.005	7.040
4	Bihar	10.000	15.003	24.134	24.285
5	Chhattisgarh	5.693	7.189	7.189	7.189
6	Delhi	0.555	0.555	0.555	0.985
7	Goa	0.110	0.145	0.145	0.145
8	Gujarat	4.876	6.437	8.098	8.098
9	Haryana	1.815	1.815	2.924	2.924
10	Himachal Pradesh	1.182	1.182	1.971	1.971
11	J & K	1.693	2.235	2.557	2.557
12	Jharkhand	7.268	7.268	7.268	7.268
13	Karnataka	9.500	11.997	11.997	11.997
14	Kerala	3.574	3.574	5.958	5.958
15	Madhya Pradesh	12.525	12.525	15.645	15.816
16	Maharashtra	19.838	19.838	23.741	24.100
17	Manipur	0.255	0.504	0.504	0.504
18	Meghalaya	0.421	0.556	0.702	0.702

1	2	3	4	5	6
19	Mizoram	0.206	0.261	0.261	0.261
20	Nagaland	0.376	0.475	0.475	0.475
21	Orissa	7.585	10.013	12.645	12.645
22	Punjab	0.717	1.388	1.794	1.794
23	Rajasthan	3.726	7.355	9.279	9.321
24	Sikkim	0.099	0.099	0.165	0.165
25	Tamil Nadu	11.185	18.646	18.646	18.646
26	Tripura	0.679	0.679	0.679	1.131
27	Uttar Pradesh	32.423	40.945	40.945	40.945
28	Uttaranchal	0.763	1.145	1.512	1.512
29	West Bengal	11.912	14.799	14.799	14.799
30	A & N Islands	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043
31	Chandigarh	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021
32	D & N Haveli	0.028	0.037	0.052	0.052
33	Daman and Diu	0.006	0.015	0.015	0.015
34	Lakshadweep	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.012
35	Pondicherry	0.193	0.322	0.322	0.322
	TOTAL:	164.723	208.603	238.008	239.656

Supply of LPG and other consumer items under PDS

†2043. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be please to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply LPG and other consumer items to the consumers at the outlets under Public Distribution System in addition to ration items;

(b) whether Government would provide any training/guidelines to the shopkeepers to make the outlets under Public Distribution System more attractive and streamlined; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.